

Minutes of the December 9, 2010 Animal Control Commission

The Animal Control Commission met on Thursday December 9, 2010 in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

Members present: Tom Shutes DVM, Sarah Davis, Laura Bartrom, C.J. Jones, Jackie Becker, LPD and Melissa Wilkes, Legal Counsel.

Animal Control Officers present: Josh Klumpe, Monica Alcorn and Randy Hale

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Laura Bartrom, Chairman.

Ms. Becker moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2010 meeting, Ms. Davis seconded. Motion passed.

Dr. Shutes moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2010 meeting, Ms. Becker seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Jones gave the following Almost Home Society Report: Statistics January to June 2009

- Total intake year to date 1597
- Lafayette Police/Animal Control 883
- Public 508

Mr. Jones announced Almost Home is starting a Spay/Neuter Assistance Program and will have more detail at the next meeting.

There were no reports of other city officials.

NEW BUSINESS

Violation Appeals from citizens:

Ms Bartrom asked if Cynthia Collins was present and she was not. Ms. Collins ticket will be forwarded courts for collection.

Ms Bartrom asked if Megan Zarse was present, Ms. Zarse stepped to the microphone and was sworn in by attorney Melissa Wilkes.

Monica Alcorn, Animal Control Officer, was sworn in by Ms. Wilkes and gave testimony regarding the incident that led to a ticket being issued on October 5th to Ms. Zarse.

Ms. Zarse was sworn in by Ms. Wilkes and gave testimony regarding the incident on October 5th. Ms. Bartrom stated that while they sympathize with Ms. Zarse's situation, she did violate the ordinance by leaving the dogs in the car and the ticket will stand as written.

Ms. Wilkes instructed Ms. Zarse to make payment arrangements with the City Clerk's Office.

Ms Bartrom asked if Wesley Huang was present, Mr. Huang stepped to the microphone and was sworn in by attorney Melissa Wilkes.

Monica Alcorn, Animal Control Officer, was sworn in by Ms. Wilkes and gave testimony regarding the incident that led to a ticket being issued on October 28th to Mr. Huang.

Mr. Huang gave testimony regarding the incident on October 28th and several situations leading to that day. Mr. Huang stated he was trying to do a favor for a friend and then they refused to take the dog back, he tried to find a home for the dog but was unable to do that, he then tried to turn it into Animal Control as a stray.

Ms. Wilkes sworn in Amanda Aveline, who stated Wesley was not the owner of the dog and he had taken it help find it a home for a friend.

After testimony, Mr. Jones motioned the ticket stand but with a reduction in the fine by 50%, Dr. Shutes seconded. The Motion passed, Mr. Huang was instructed to make payment arrangements with the City Clerk's Office.

No public comment was heard.

Ms. Bartrom asked for an update on the dogs ordered for retraining at the July 22nd meeting. No update was available. Ms. Becker motioned that Animal Control Officers make a visit to the home where the dogs are being kept and submit a report to the Commission, Ms. Bartrom seconded. The Motion passed.

Ms Bartrom motioned to accept the calendar of meetings for 2011 with corrections, Ms Davis seconded. The Motion passed

With no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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